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To review, update, and revise the factors to measure the severity, magnitude, and impact of a disaster and to evaluate the need for assistance to individuals and households.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HILL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Multi-State Disaster
5 Relief Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE FACTORS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—In order to provide more objective
8 criteria for evaluating the need for assistance to individ-

1 uals and households and to speed a declaration of a major
2 disaster or emergency under the Robert T. Stafford Dis-
3 aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
4 5121 et seq.), not later than one year after the date of
5 enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Federal
6 Emergency Management Agency (referred to in this Act
7 as the “Administrator”), in cooperation with representa-
8 tives of State and local emergency management agencies,
9 shall review, update, and revise through rulemaking the
10 factors considered under section 206.48(b) of title 44,
11 Code of Federal Regulations, to measure the severity,
12 magnitude, and impact of a disaster.

13 (b) CONSIDERATION OF A CONTIGUOUS COUNTY.—
14 In reviewing, updating, and revising the factors referenced
15 in subsection (a) the Administrator shall include as a fac-
16 tor whether a contiguous county in an adjacent state has
17 been designated in a major disaster or emergency as a
18 result of the same incident.

19 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 3 months after the date
20 of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit
21 to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
22 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
23 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-
24 ate a report on the Federal Emergency Management

1 Agency's current regulations, policies, procedures, and
2 practices on—

3 (1) recommending major disaster or emergency
4 declarations in order to provide assistance to individ-
5 uals and households; and

6 (2) making post-declaration designations of the
7 need for assistance to individuals and households in
8 a county that is contiguous to a State that has re-
9 ceived a major disaster or emergency declaration for
10 the same incident.

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